MR. CHAIRMAN: I adjourn the House until 11.30 A.M.

The House then adjourned at six minutes past eleven of the clock.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Inter-continental Projects of Engineers India Limited

*320 (A). SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Engineers India Limited is planning intercontinental projects for execution in the coming years; and

(b) if so, what are the countries in which these project are likely to be executed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) M/s. Engineers India Limited currently have consultancy/engineering assignments in Iran and Algeria. They are also seeking business opportunities in Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Baharain and Abu Dhabi in addition to the above countries.

Funding arrangements for suburban Commuter Rail Projects in Bombay

*321. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement between Government and IRCON (Indian Railway Construction Company) has been proposed by Railways for funding of the Suburban Railway Project in Bombay;

(b) whether the proposal has been approved by Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

*Previously starred Question 341 transferred from 17 the December, 1992.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The proposal for commercial exploitation of air space over railway land for funding Railway Projects, in collaboration with Indian Railway Construction Company and Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority, is in conceptual stage.

Import and Sale of Ginseng Formulation as an Ayurvedic product

*322. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Drug Controller of Indian and Government have decided to allow import and sale of Ginseng formulations as an ayurvedic product in the domestic market;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the prominent Indian Doctors have warned of adverse side-effects from longterm use of this medicine; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) The Drugs Controller (India) has, on the advice of the Ayurvedic Adviser, allowed the import of Ginseng as raw material for manufacture of Ayurvedic formulations.

(b) No such reports have come to Government's notice.

(c) Does not arise.

वन क्षेत्रों में सड़कें

*323. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में वन क्षेत्रों से होकर जाने वाली नई सड़कों के निर्माण कार्य में वहां के वन विभाग द्वारा भूमि अंतरित न किये जाने के कारण बाधा आ रही है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इनमें से अधिकांश